

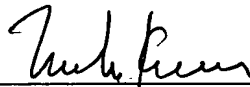
REMARKS

By the present preliminary amendment, applicants have amended the claims to further define features of the present invention, and added a new claim 9 in accordance with amendments made in connection with the international application.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 1113.44721X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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